

rearranged the material in the original application under the appropriate headings, corrected grammatical and idiomatic errors, and changed some of the terminology used in the claims and specification in order to clarify the various elements and to make the terminology used consistent throughout the application. No new matter was introduced by these changes. Although the original specification does not specifically use the terms "system" and "method," the percutaneous bone-anchored transferring device and the connecting device are described both as separate components and as a combination of parts, i.e. as a system. Likewise the methods for using the components of the invention were set forth in the original application.

It may be helpful to the Examiner to point out that the original specification was not divided into the appropriate sections per US practice. Part of the description of the invention was included on the first page under the headings "DESCRIPTION" and "Technical field." The description of the invention resumes on page 5 under the heading "The object of the present invention and features of a principle nature" starting with line 16 and continuing through page 8. Then again, after the listing of the figures, the description of the invention resumes on page 9 under the heading "Description of the present invention" starting with line 29 and continuing through page 12.

Since the Examiner has put forth a new matter rejection for claims 22-36 based on the same argument as presented for the specification, Applicants believe it will be more expedient to address the specific occurrences of the questioned elements in the original application as filed under the arguments against the rejection of the claims presented below.

The amendments made to the specification merely clarify information that was inherent in the original disclosure. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this objection.

The Examiner objected to the specification as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter, namely, with regard to claim 15 and the disclosure of a weakened zone. Applicants respectfully point out that the antecedent basis for weakened zone is provided on page 10, lines 22-25, of the specification, which read as follows: "The upper part 14 of the percutaneous bone anchored transferring device is thinned to allow deformation if a large load should occur on the percutaneous bone anchored transferring device. This provides a weakened

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